

Audit Office. Feb. 25. 1857.

My dear Sir.

A friend of mine knowing me to be anxious about old English Poetry has placed in my hands a little volume of Poems by Sam Daniel. I do not remember ever seeing it, and it is in the hope that you will tell me whether you have met with it before that I now trouble you.

The volume in question contains the Civil War of York and Lancaster, Masophilus, Octavia to Antonio, the Tragedy of Cleopatra and Rosamond, and all with separate title pages and dated 1599. It is however only of the two leaves in front

of the book that I wish to speak. The title is:-

The
Poeticall
Epistles
of
Sam. Daniel

Newly corrected and aug-
mented.

Etas primis canat ruores,
postremo tumultus.

E.P.

at London

Printed by P. Short for Simon
Waterson 1599.

There follows a dedicatory Sonnet to The Right honourable, Sir Charles Blount, Knight, Lord Mountjoy. de-

Pray excuse the trouble I am giving you, I know that
you are an admirer of Daniel from your valuable History of
English Dramatic Poetry, and that some of the rarest Editions
of his works grace your shelves. I have long meditated calling

after you. It is at unlikely however but you have forgotten
that you ever asked me to see your Books. and that you
will have some difficulty even now in remembering the
person of

Yours most sincerely
Peter Cunningham

John Payne Collier Esq.
Dr. Dr. Dr.

